

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~An improved boat hook and A line handling device for use for removable connection to a boat hook shaft~~ in positioning a docking line comprising ~~an elongated boat hook shaft~~ and a clip having an elongated body with a first end and a second end, said clip adapted to be oriented at an angle to said the boat hook shaft with said first end displaced from said boat hook shaft, said second end of said clip pivotally connected and spring biased to an attachment, said attachment shaped as a semi-circular clamp adapted to frictionally engage fixed to said the shaft whereby said clip facilitates positioning of a docking line by maintaining a line loop sized to encircle a piling.

2. (Original) An improved boat hook according to Claim 1, wherein said attachment is a hinge.

3. (Original) An improved boat hook according to Claim 2, wherein said clip is spring biased to orient said clip into parallel position relative to said shaft.

4. (Currently amended) An improved boat hook according to Claim 3, wherein ~~said attachment is mounted on a clamp~~, said clamp having has a circumference approximating the circumference of said the shaft whereby said attachment is removably fixed ~~to about~~ said shaft.

5. (Cancel).

6. (Currently amended) ~~An improved boat hook according to claim 1, wherein An improved boat hook and line handling device said comprising a boat hook shaft has having a first an outer tube and a second an inner tube, said first outer tube and said second inner tube telescoping relative to each other, said outer tube including an opening near one end, said inner tube including a pivoting portion near one end, said pivoting portion having a free end and a fixed end, said free end of said pivoting portion adapted to extend through said opening, said attachment is fixed to said inner tube, said fixed end resiliently attached to said inner tube said clip forming a portion of said second inner tube spring biased clip whereby said clip is oriented parallel to said first outer tube when said first outer tube and said second inner tube are moved relative to each other into one position and~~

oriented at an angle to said first outer tube into another position.

7. (Cancel).

8. (Currently amended) An improved boat hook and line handling device for use in positioning a docking line comprising an elongated boat hook shaft and an attachment removably connected about said shaft by friction fit, a clip having an elongated body with a first end and a second end, said clip rigidly oriented at an intersecting angle to said boat hook shaft with said first end displaced from said boat hook shaft, said second end of said clip rigidly connected to an said attachment, said attachment encircling said shaft whereby said clip facilitates positioning of a docking line by maintaining a line loop sized to encircle a piling.

Claims 9 - 10 (Cancel).